Amendments to the Specification

Please amend page 2 of the Specification by replacing the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 25 and ending on page 2, line 26 with:

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Figures 3~~A~~a-3~~D~~d are side views of the front seat assembly and the rear seat assembly, according to a preferred embodiment of the invention;

Please amend the Specification by replacing the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 28 and ending on page 4, line 11 with:

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When the vehicle 40 user wishes to increase the cargo carrying capacity and store the rear seat assembly 10, the latch and striker combination 42 is preferably released by actuating the riser handle 44. The rear seat assembly 10 is then moved forward from the use position, as shown in Figure 3~~A~~a, to the first intermediate position, as shown in Figure 3~~B~~b. Once the rear seat assembly 10 has been moved forward beyond the centerline of the articulation mechanism 24, the rear seat assembly 10 will naturally progress toward the second intermediate position, as shown in Figure 3~~C~~c. The top surface 46 of the forward portion 48 of the rear seat bottom 14 is located below the lower surface 50 of the front seat bottom 52 of the front seat assembly 54. With the rear seat assembly 10 in the second intermediate position, the riser release handle is preferably exposed and upon articulation translates the rear seat assembly 10 forward along the seat guides by means of the slide mechanism. In the stored position, as shown in Figure 3~~D~~d, the rear seat assembly 10 is nested or spoons against the front seat assembly 54 in a compact space efficient fashion thereby allowing increased cargo carrying capacity within the vehicle 40.